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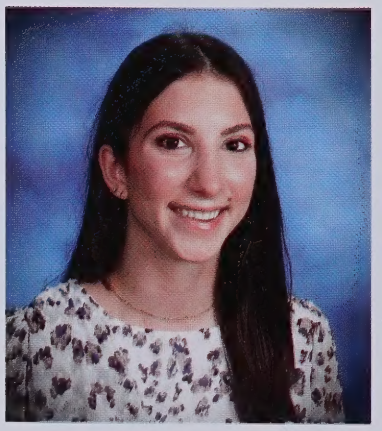

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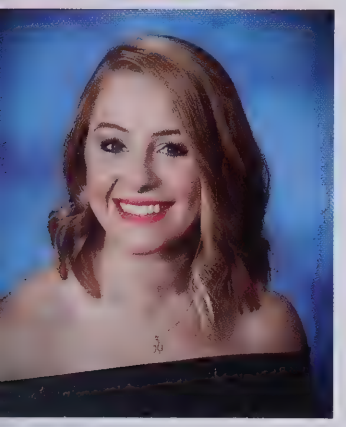

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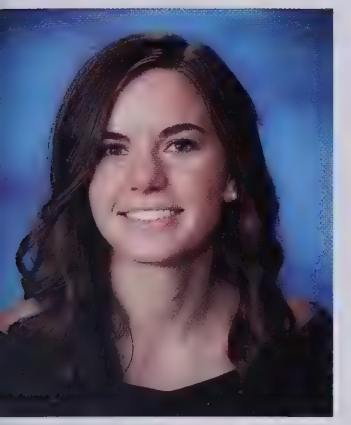

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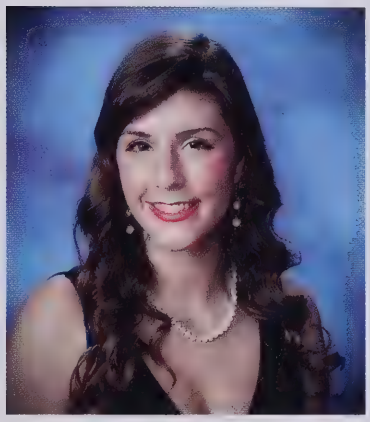

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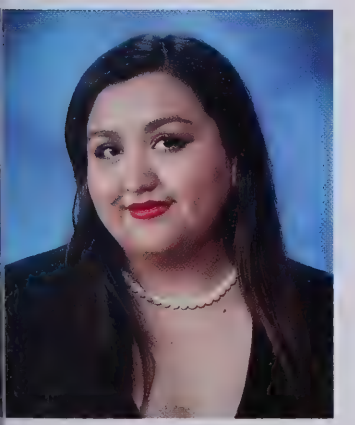

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Madelyn McKinney

Sarah Middleton

Morgan Mize

Hannah Moss

Miriam Munguia

Brittany Peele

Taylor Phelps

Lauren Phillips

Lauren Pleasants

Amanda Price

Harper Pruitt

Andelyn Ray

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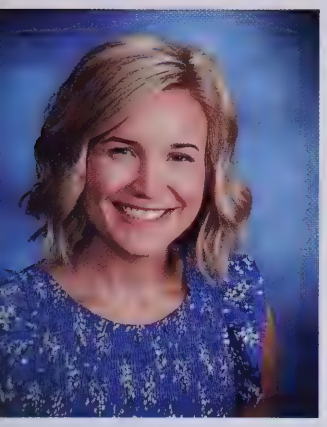

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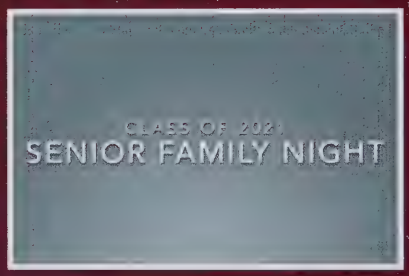
Senior Family Night

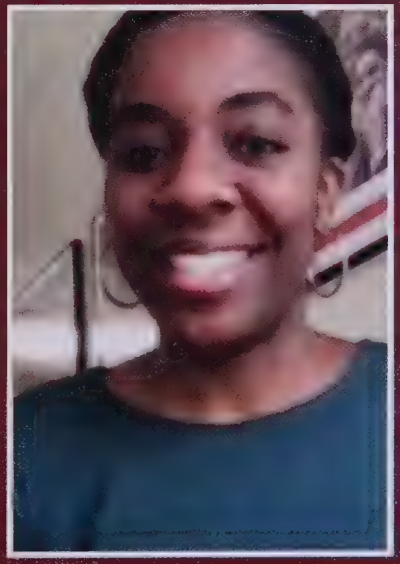
Co-Chairs: Rachel Hill and Ansley Friesz



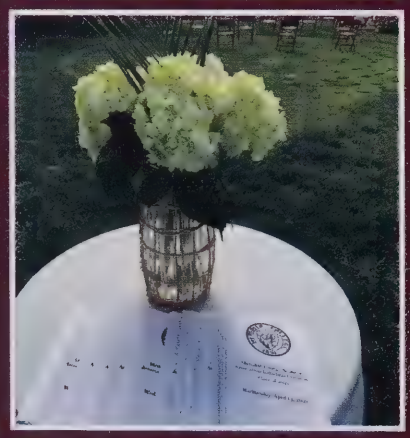
21st Night

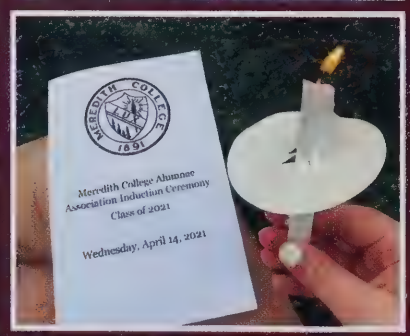
Co-Chairs: Allison Deaton and Lexie Bennett

Guest Speaker: Miss Jessica Sharpe



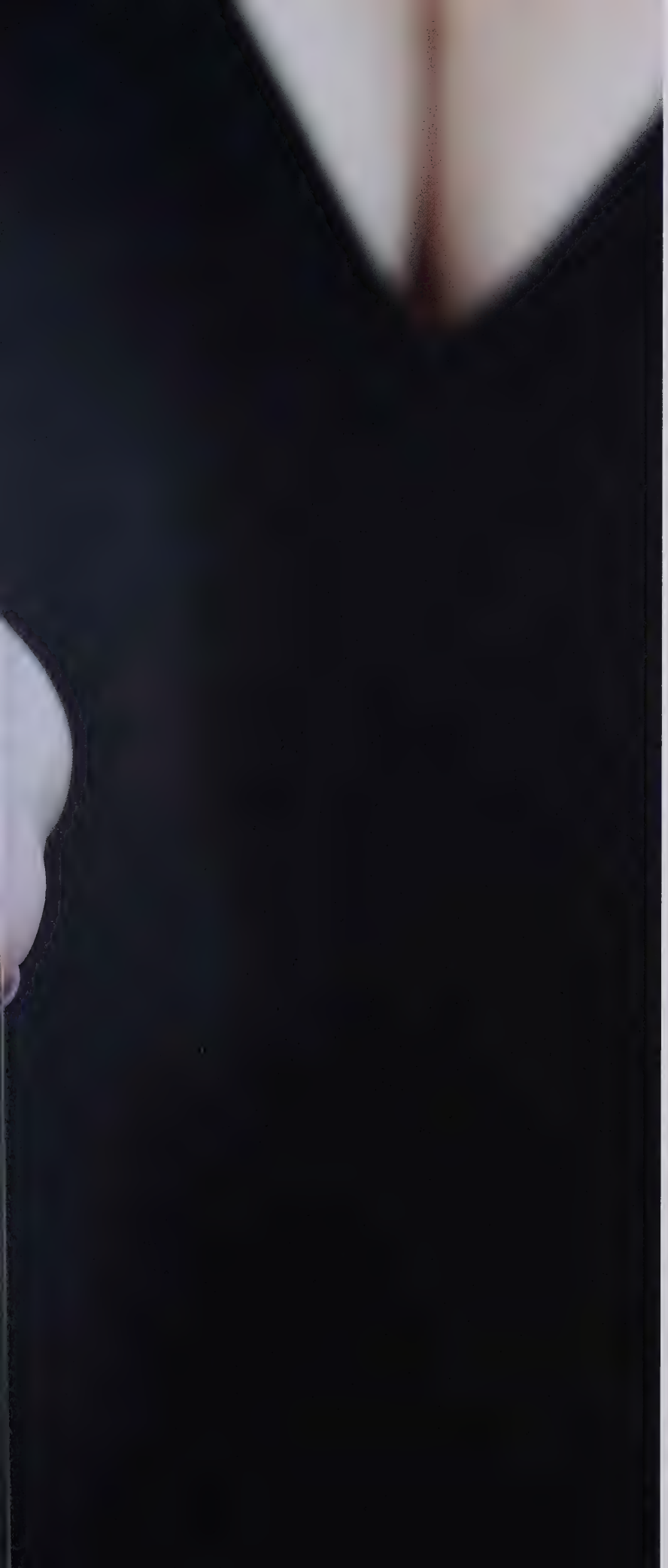
Alumnae Induction





Class Doll Reveal

Gwendolyn Daisy Ad Astra



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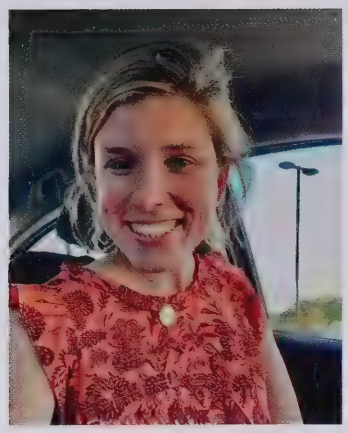

Madeline Allred

Brittany Faith Beverly

Cristin Noelle Boswell

Aspen Michaela Degler Cable

Ally Marie Cefalu

Sabina Audrey Cerne

Darby Creech

Payton Dakota Cummings

Ashlyn Grant Elliott

Destiny Faith Eudy

Mahali Montserrat Frias Ponce

Malia Kaylyn Garber

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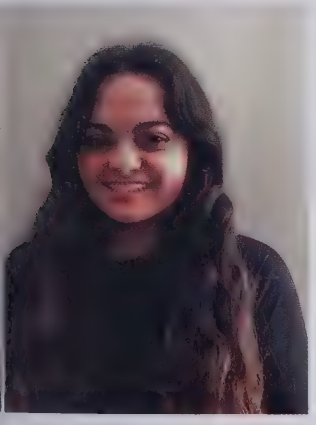

Alexandria Marez

Kayla Ann McCaffrey

Jillian Cierra Meeks

Ashley Nicole Merritt

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Ricaria Ariel Miller

Molly Frances Perry

Laurelyn Ruth Ponder

Hannah Elizabeth Porter

Hannah Grace Schneider

Olivia W Slack

Emily Spain

Elisabeth Ashley Statler

Hunter Breanne Straub

Charley Gabrielle Thompson

Juliana Elyse Van Dyck

Kiley Harper Van Ryn

Caroline Elizabeth Vanyo

Cindy Vargas Gonzalez

Carsen Lee Williams

Anna Kathleen Wisniewski

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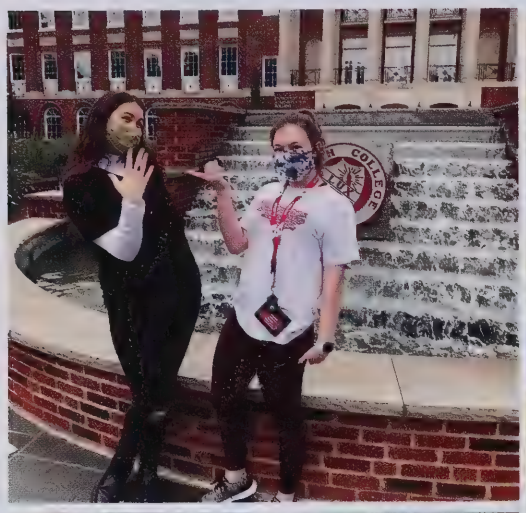
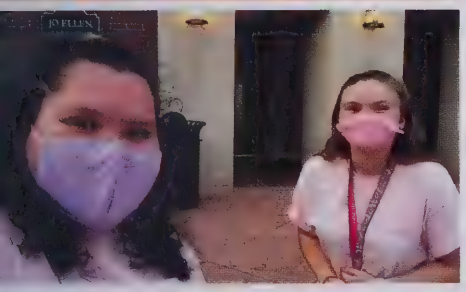
Big Sis

2022/2024 # Little Sis

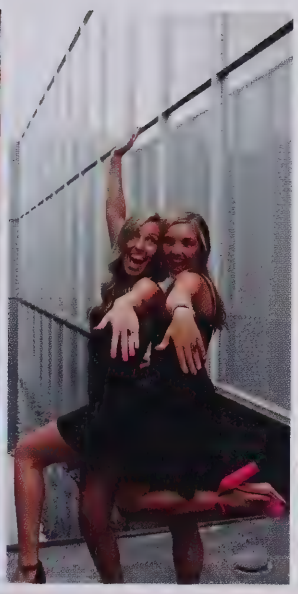




Sunshine and Sisterhood

2020 Ring Dinner

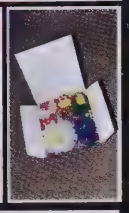
The class of 2022 thanks Eleni Hull and Rebekah Lakey, the ring dinner co-chairs, for all the work they put in to creating a special night!

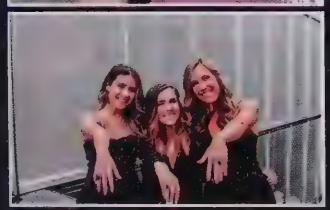


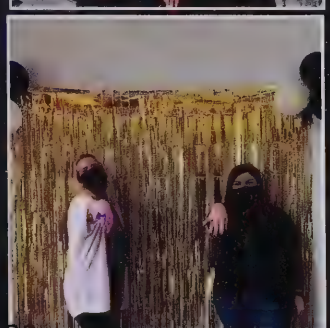
The class of 2022 was able to celebrate ring dinner in an unconventional way. Thanks to Zoom, students were able to have a unique live celebration while staying safe during the pandemic. Students were encouraged to take pictures with the people they lived with and wear masks while interacting with others. These strong women celebrated their time at Meredith, sisterhood, and all of their academic success. The Meredith College Onyx is so much more than just a ring. For many Meredith students, this ring symbolizes a family that lasts forever.

Congratulations to these strong women who were celebrated on this evening!

Students stayed safe by celebrating with people they live with.







Ring Week

The class of 2022 thanks their Ring Week Co-Chairs, Kelsieanne Schmidt and Madisyn Clark for all of their hard work to make this week happen.

Students were excited to dress up and show off their rings. Ring week is a week of great anticipation for juniors. You can wear your onyx, but don't look before dinner!

Ring week is the week leading up to ring dinner, when juniors finally get to wear their onyx rings. Students celebrate the week with a new ring each day. Every ring is different and represents a special aspect of the class and Meredith College. This year's boxes contained a daisy, a corn cob, a rubber duck, angel wings, and a glowing ring to be replaced by the onyx.

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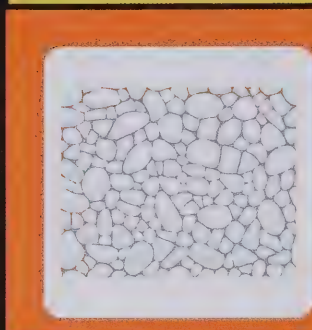
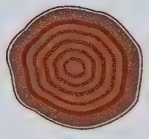
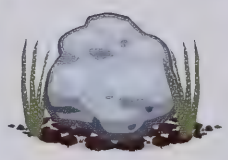




we wood tell you
where the crook is..
but that's no fun

our roots run
deep for the
sisterhood



the crook is just a
stones throw away
-SK + EH

Crook Hunt

During Crook Hunt, the junior class searched in pairs for the crook that was hidden by the senior class.

The Crook was hidden in the Three Sisters Garden shed.

Cristin Boswell and Lauren Hales found the crook on the second day of hunting.

Class of
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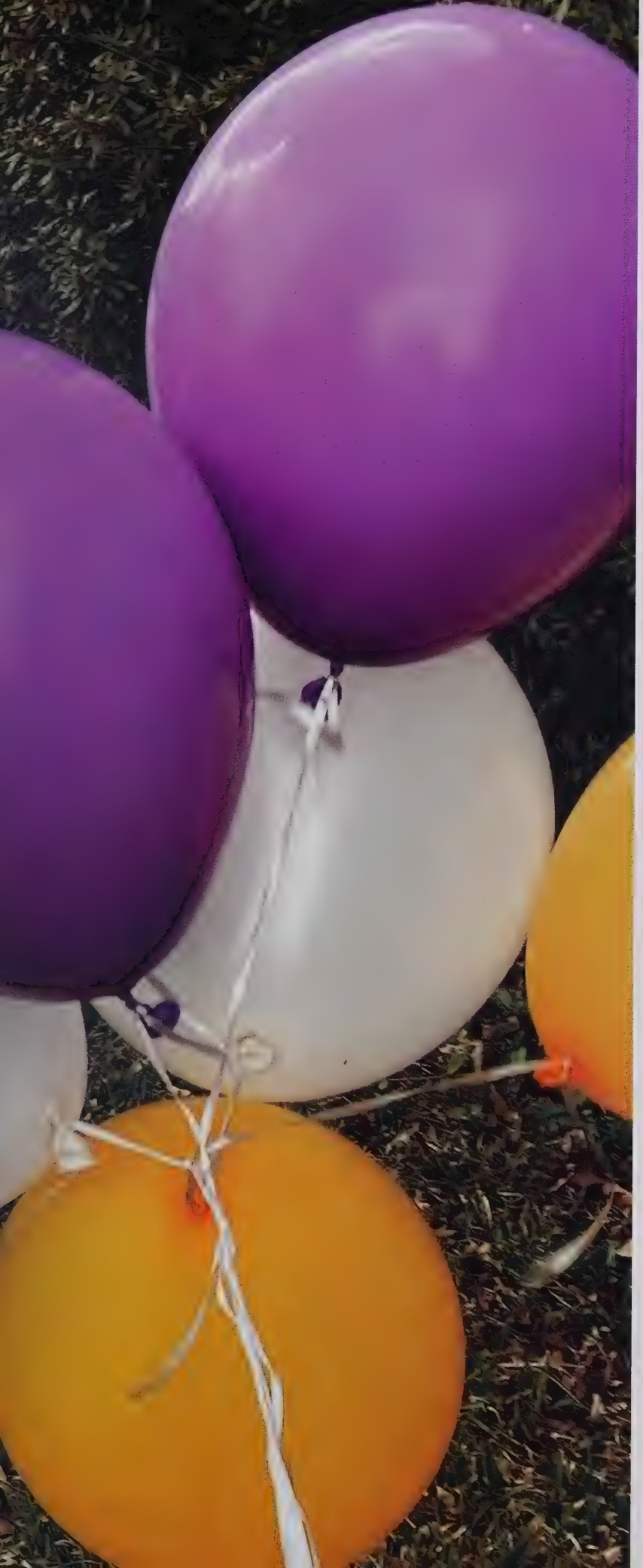

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Anna Grace Bridgers

Kristin Nicole Burroughs

Nicole Craig

Peyton Reanna Farmer

Taylor Morgan Fipps

Debbie Marie Hary

Abigail Lauren Inman

Madelyn Elizabeth James

Rebecca Lopez-Bello

Mei Li Meagan Moo King

Caroline Nicole O'Dekirk

Grace T. Oluwanimi Olufemi-Ajayi

Alyssa Clarke Pernell

Grace Caroline Raphun

Elisha Deborah Reina

Sadie Noelle Round

SOPHOMORES

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Macie M Skeen

Karyna Vargas-Gonzales

Emily Caroline Ward

Amanda Webb

arley Joyce Williams

Samantha Denise Williams

loverlyn Genevieve Willis

Colleena M Zacharzuk

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FRESHMEN

MacKenzie Anderson

Sara Camille Ballard

Maggie Elizabeth Barnhill

Zoe Raine Blankenship

Sophia N Bogan

Sarabeth Black Boyd

Emily Megan Brugler

Lauren-Taylor Carrill

Michaela R Chenevert

Katie Culbertson

Madison Paige Dameron

Sariah Aida Davis

Katherine Estella Erb

Alexis B Fitting

Anna-Moriah Yun Fung

Caroline Grace Garland

Megan Elizabeth George

Jessie Faye Harrington

Elizabeth Christina Herrera-Mendez

Madeline Brooke Horrell

Claire Marie Jacoby

Aiman Fatima Jamadar

Savannah Paige Jones

Kendall Elizabeth Lawson

Brooklyn Madison Leonard

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FRESHMEN

Rachel Lovin

Azrielle Rose Marino

Grace Elizabeth Matulewicz

Mary Christine Maul

Kelsey Lynn McCray

Nicole Christine McMillan

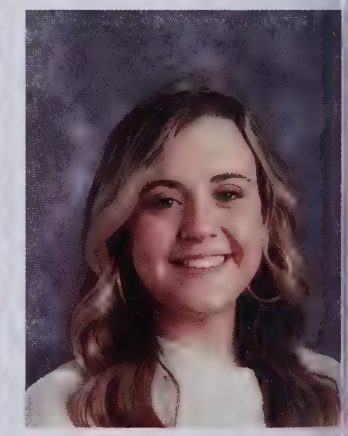
Haley Madison McNeil

Ainsley Grace Menge

Zuri Iman Muhammad

Holly Elizabeth Obermiller

Noelle An-Yu Pearce



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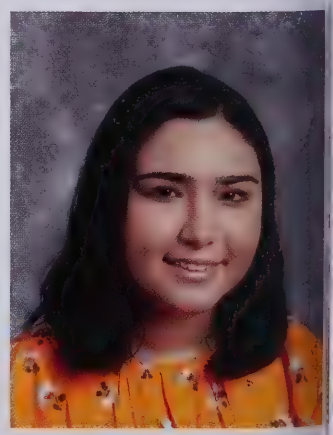
Anna Elizabeth Prince

Elizabeth Prytherch

Victoria Olivia Ragland



Jasmine Rahimi

Sasha Elena Rice

Emma Grace Rogers

Jenna Rose Schroeder

Sara Anne Shuller

Eliandras Alexandra Sims

Raleigh Skeeters

Abigail Kaitlyn Taylor

Abbie Wall

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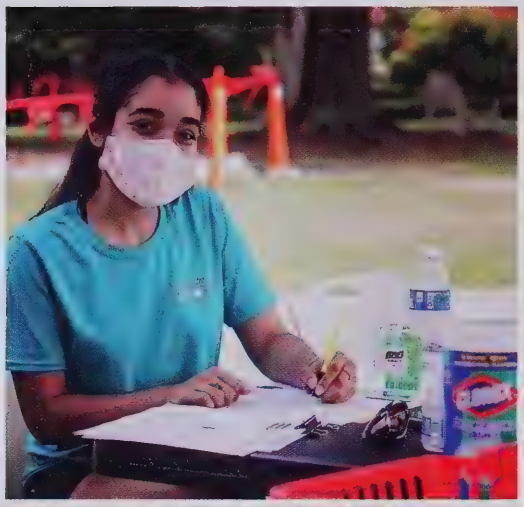
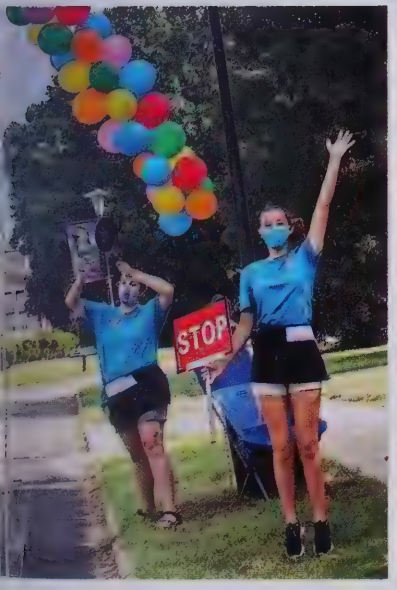
Move In Day
Welcome to Meredith



We CAN
hardly hold
back our
excitement
to meet
you!!!
~cb '22
COLA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Welcome
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Wonderland
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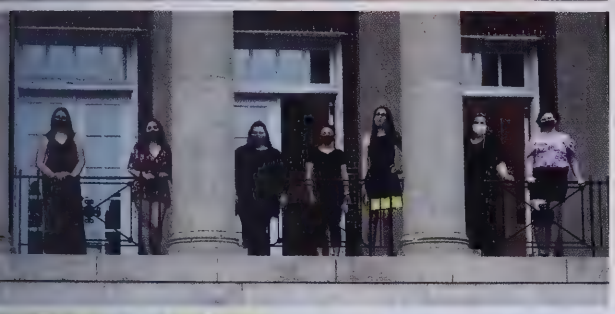
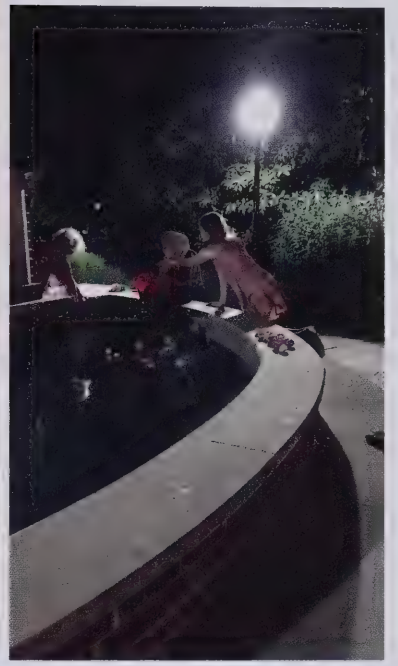
Fire

"Into the Light"

Water

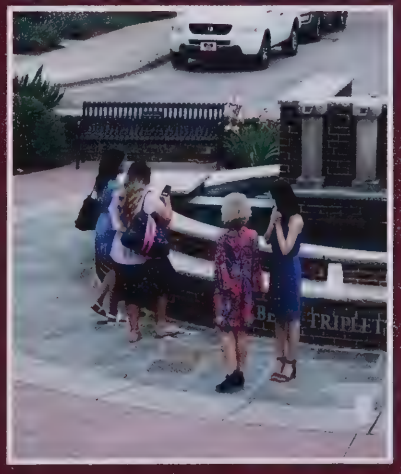


The choir that sang as we floated our hope and wishes.



The lovely co-chairs of the Fire and Water tradition, Maritza Yanez Moreno and Bella Allen.

The fire and water committee.



events

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Bling!
Bling!

1.
WET
Wet your hands with clean, running water and apply soap.
2.
LATHER
Lather your hands. Lather the backs of your hands, between your fingers, and under your nails.
STAY HEALTHY – WASH YOUR HANDS!
3.
SCRUB
Scrub your hands for at least 20 seconds. Need a timer? Hum the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice.
4.
RINSE
Rinse your hands well under clean, running water.
5.
DRY
Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them. Use paper towel to turn off faucet and open doors upon exiting the restroom.
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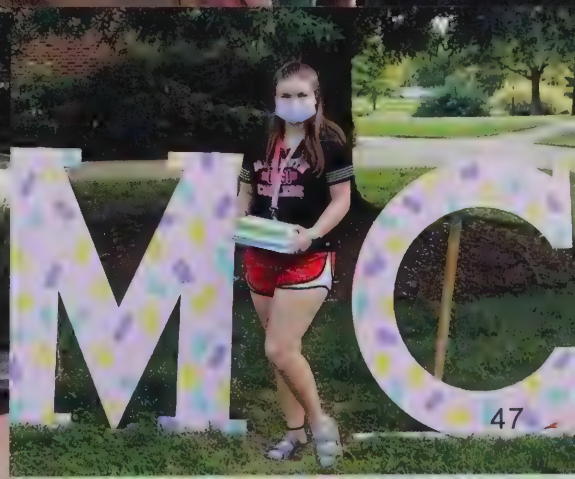
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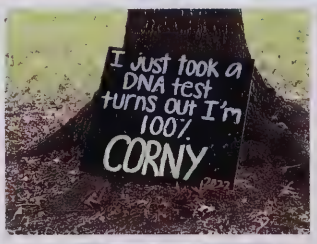
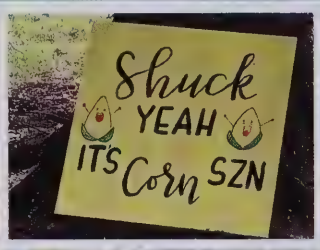
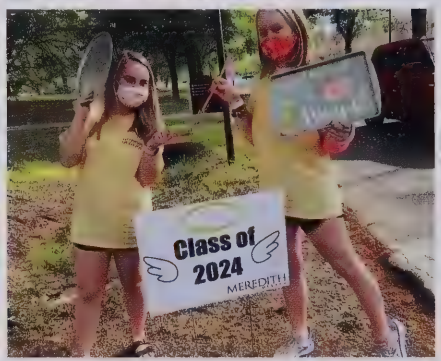
Cornhuskin'



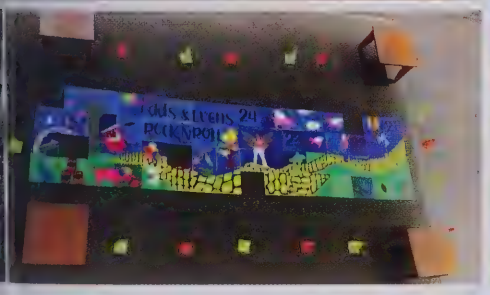




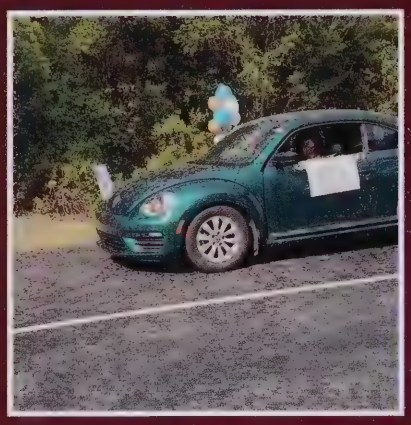
This year Cornhuskin was held in the spring and the main event was done as a pre-recorded virtual event.

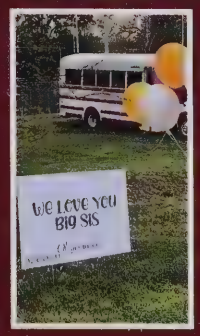
CANvas Art

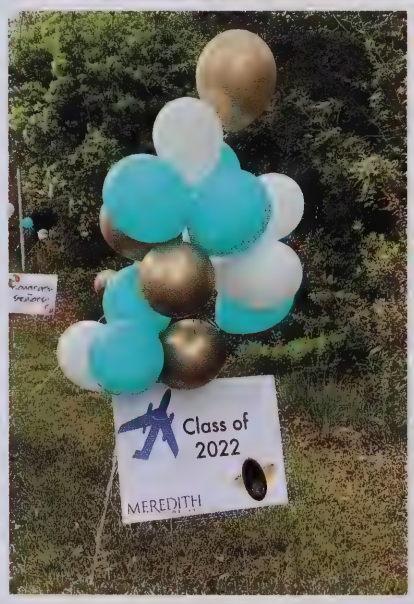
Formerly known as Can Art, CANvas Art was done as a whole school effort. All four classes came together to paint individual canvases that when put together created one cohesive picture.



Senior Parade



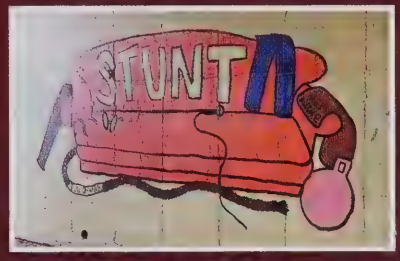


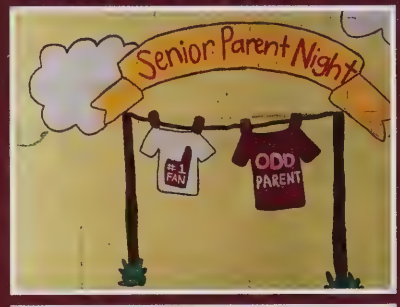


To celebrate the senior class a parade was held in their honor.

Tunnel

The tunnel was never officially revealed but here is a sneak peek of what's to come!





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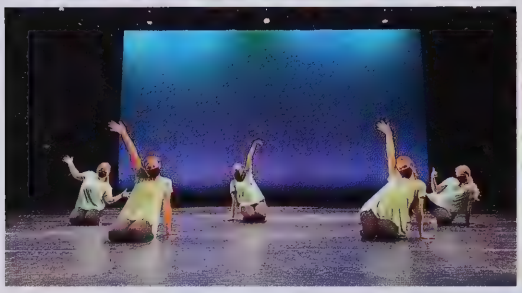

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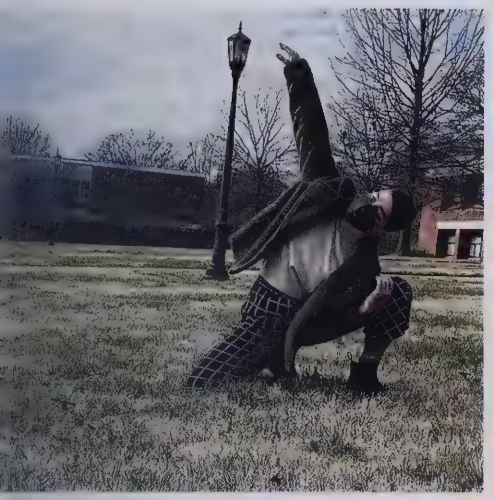

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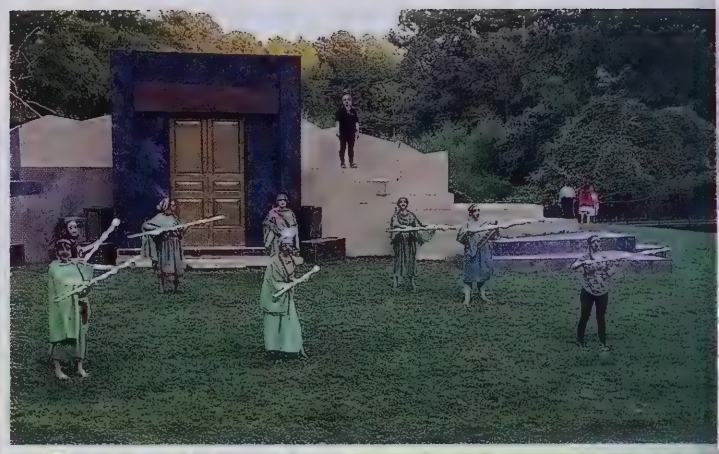

The Meredith Theatre Department put on the play Medea in the Fall.

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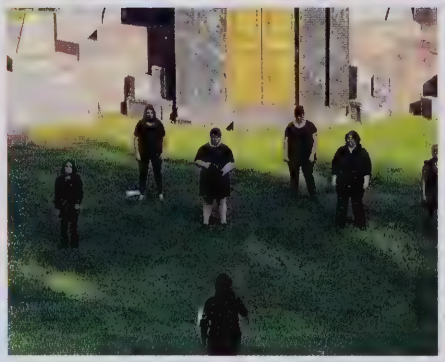
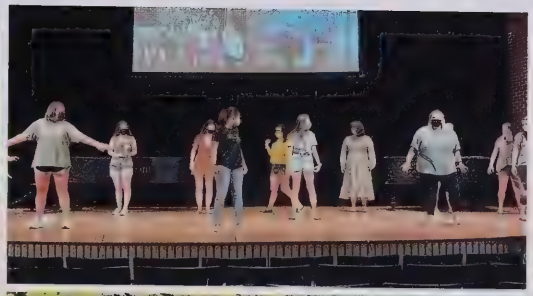


The Meredith Choirs adapted their performances this year to fit Covid-19 guidelines. They performed in the amphitheater, the courtyard, and in front of Jones Chapel, and on their last performance of the year they even sang in the rain.



See you later, Dr. Gravelle.

Neon Dance

April 17th

In lieu of the typical spring formal, hosted by the Student Leadership and Service and Spring Formal class committee, this year, Meredith students were invited to dance the night away in a outdoor neon light theme dance party.

The Meredith Mall was decorated with bright lights and colorful balloons. Students were also able to request their favorite songs from the DJ.

Students who participated in the dance were given a goodie bag, and "grab n glow" kits, full of glow sticks, glow glasses and neon slimes. Students were also automatically put in to a raffle for gift cards that were announced at the end of each hour.

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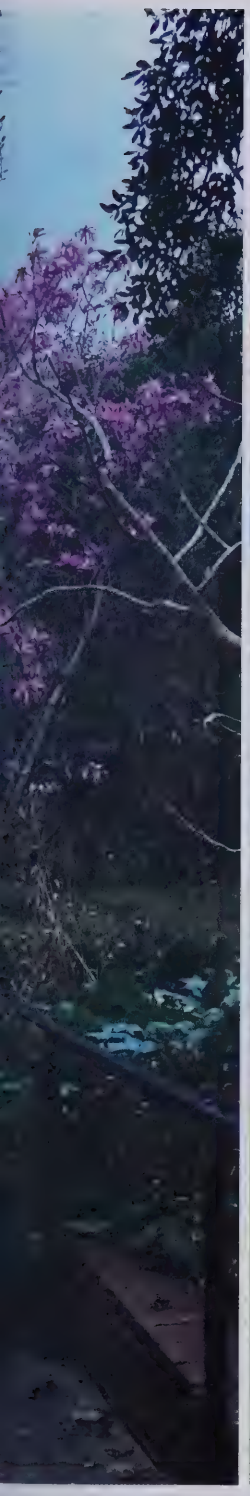

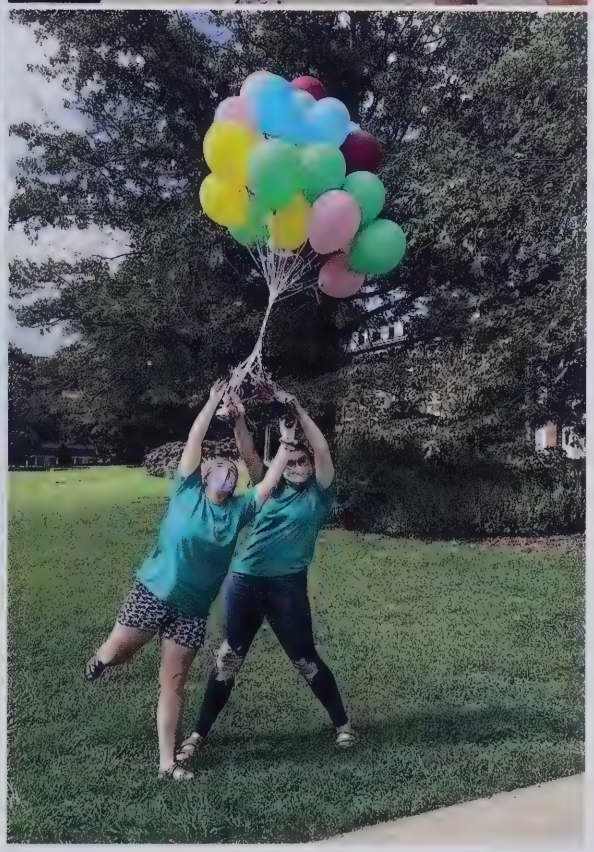

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Furry Friends

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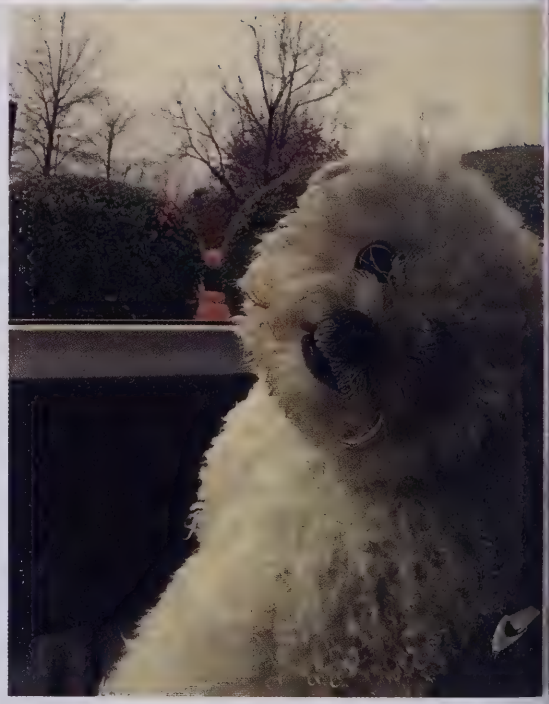
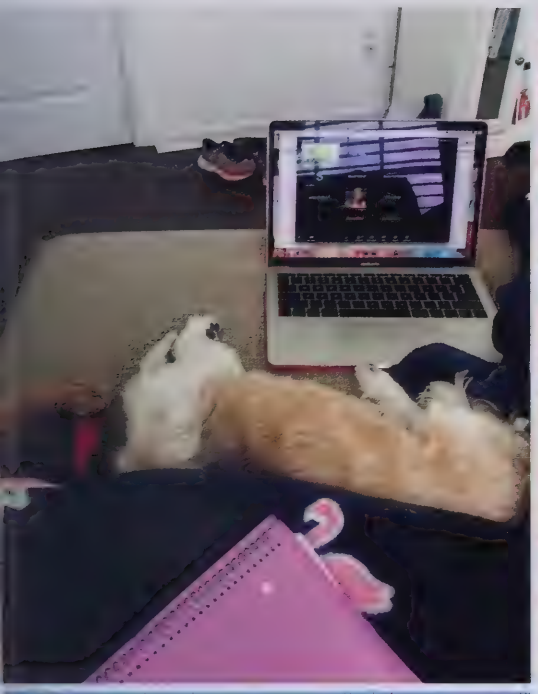
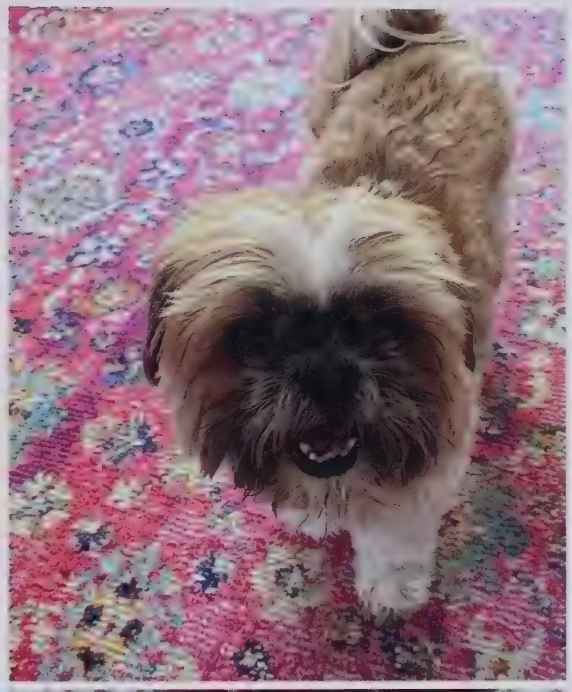


Pets were a big part of zoom calls this year, so here are a few of our furry friends.





Emmy
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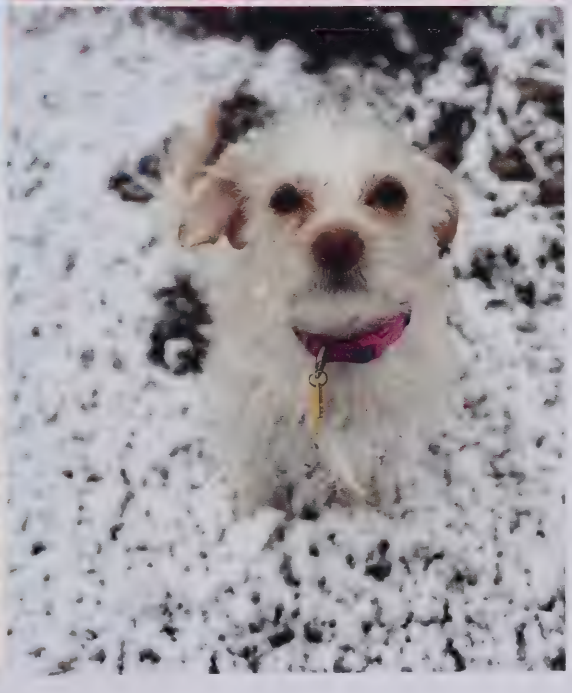

Paisley
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Ground Breaking

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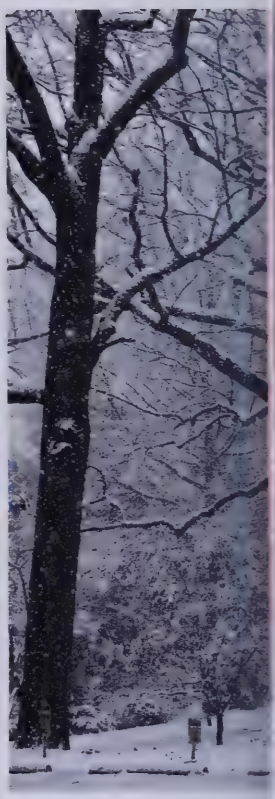
Snow



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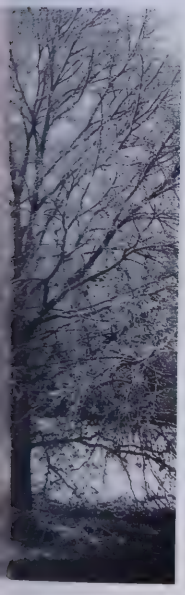
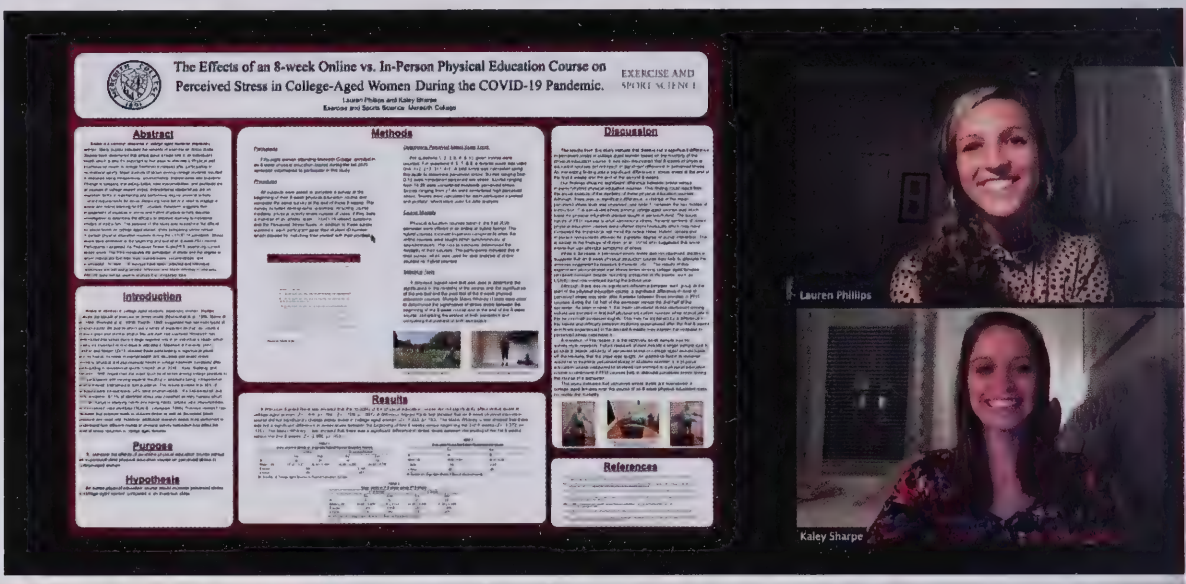
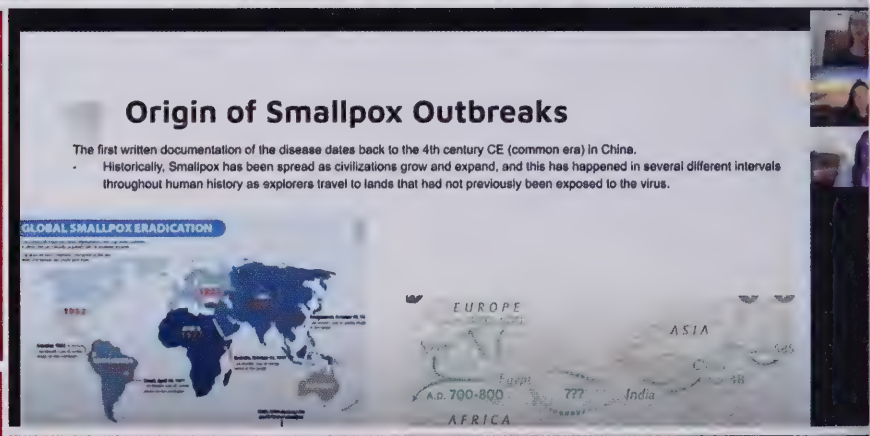


Celebrating Student Achievement Day




Origin of Smallpox Outbreaks
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Historically, Smallpox has been spread as civilizations grow and expand, and this has happened in several different intervals throughout human history as explorers travel to lands that had not previously been exposed to the virus.
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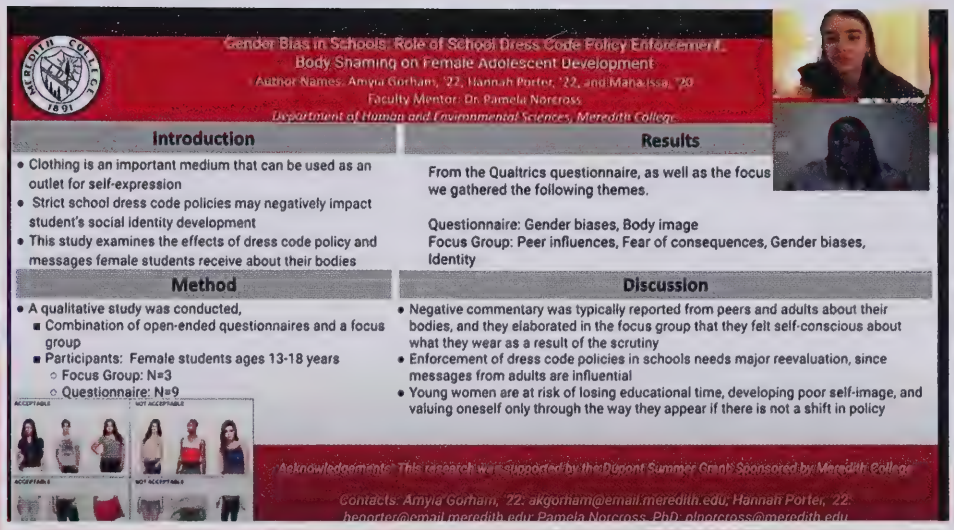
Gender Bias in Schools: Role of School Dress Code Policy Enforcement
Body Shaming on Female Adolescent Development
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Introduction
• Clothing is an important medium that can be used as an outlet for self-expression
• Strict school dress code policies may negatively impact student's social identity development
• This study examines the effects of dress code policy and messages female students receive about their bodies
Method
• A qualitative study was conducted,
■ Combination of open-ended questionnaires and a focus group
■ Participants: Female students ages 13-18 years
○ Focus Group: N=3
○ Questionnaire: N=9
Results
From the Qualtrics questionnaire, as well as the focus we gathered the following themes.
Questionnaire: Gender biases, Body image
Focus Group: Peer influences, Fear of consequences, Gender biases, Identity
Discussion
• Negative commentary was typically reported from peers and adults about their bodies, and they elaborated in the focus group that they felt self-conscious about what they wear as a result of the scrutiny
• Enforcement of dress code policies in schools needs major reevaluation, since messages from adults are influential
• Young women are at risk of losing educational time, developing poor self-image, and valuing oneself only through the way they appear if there is not a shift in policy
Acknowledgements: This research was supported by the Dupont Summer Grant Sponsored by Meredith College
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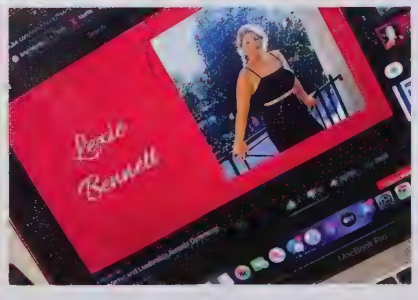
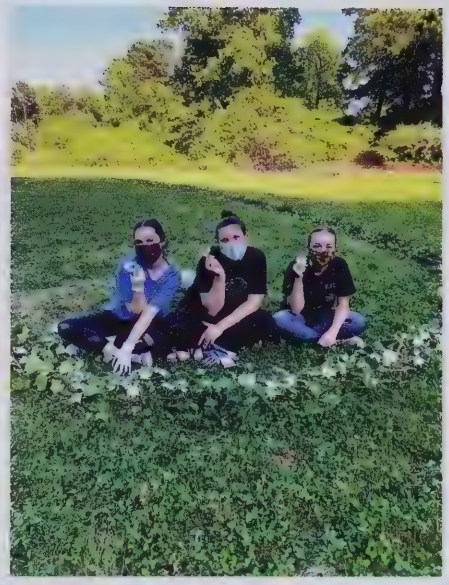


Class 2022 Day

After a year long wait, the classes of 2020 and 2022 finally were able to meet together for the Class Day ceremony,



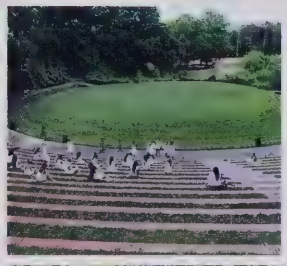
The members of the class of 2022 got together on the last day of class to build the daisy chain in the amphitheater.

Class Day

21/23

Students celebrate with their close friends and roommates. Other groups embrace masks so they can celebrate safely!

Students are thankful to celebrate on Meredith's beautiful campus! Beautiful weather allowed for safe meetings and photos. Students are also thankful for the Class Day Co-Chairs of 2023 and 2021 who worked tirelessly to make this event possible.



Like everything else this year, the Meredith College Class Day celebration was unique. This year, students were able to celebrate the class of 2020 as well as the class of 2021! This special day honors the graduating class. The little sis class of 2023 were able to congratulate their sisters and friends. Students were excited to finally celebrate outdoors in a safe way.

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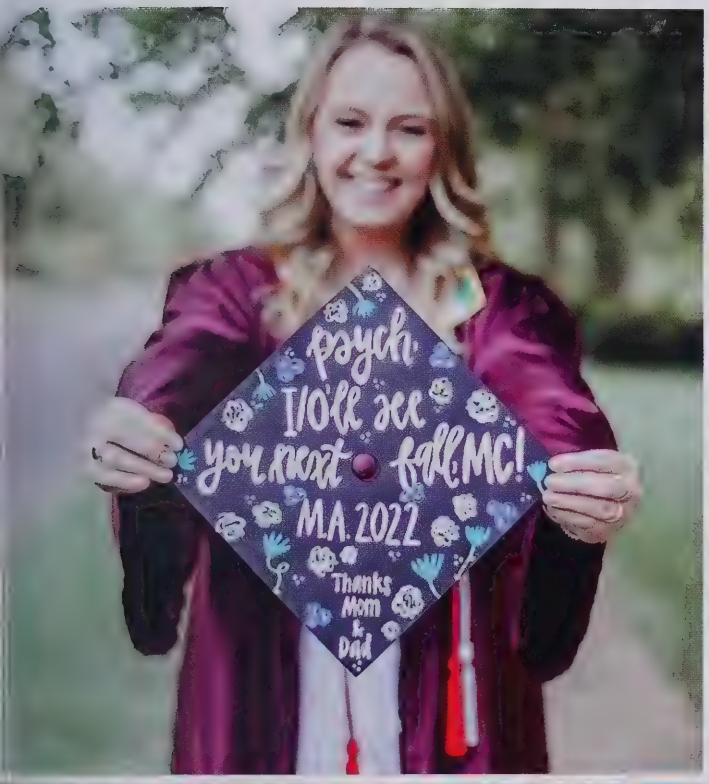
Commencement



A whole year later the class of 2020 was able to celebrate their achievements together in person.

Class of 2021
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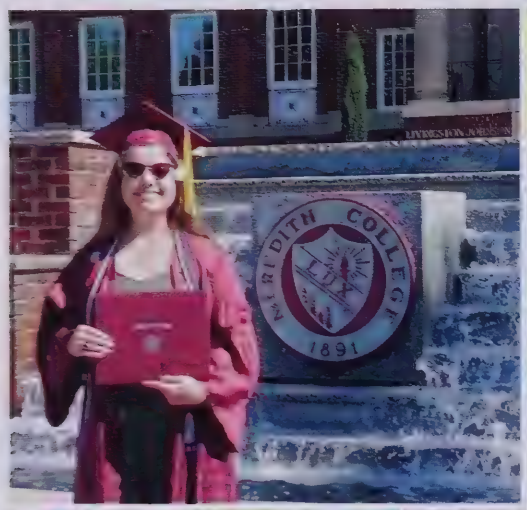

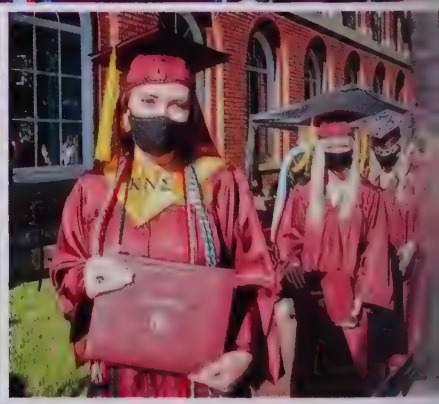

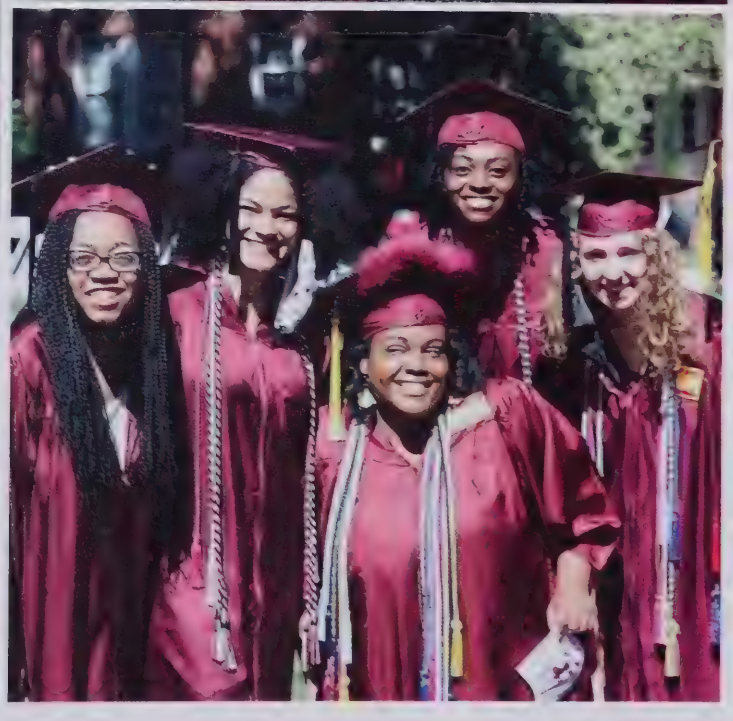

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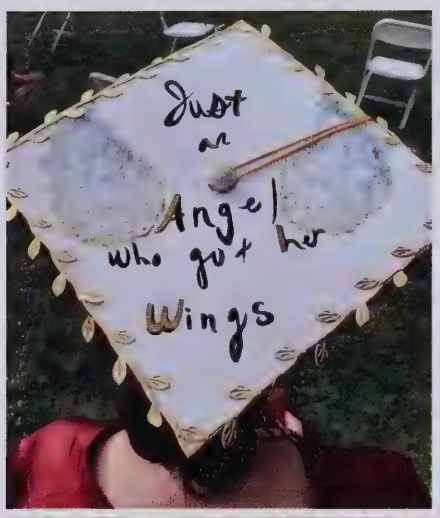
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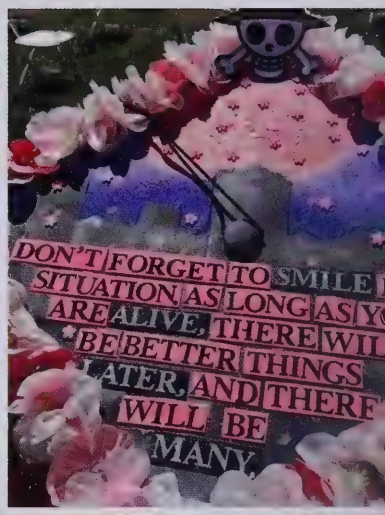
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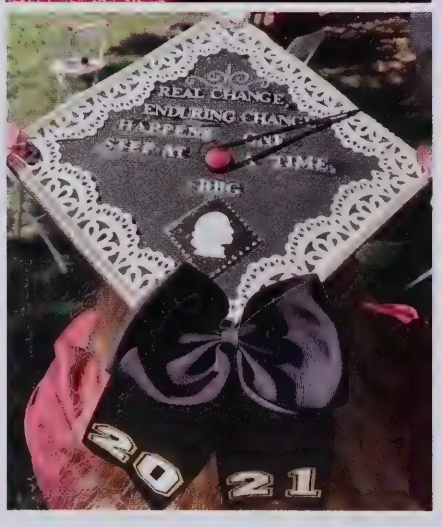
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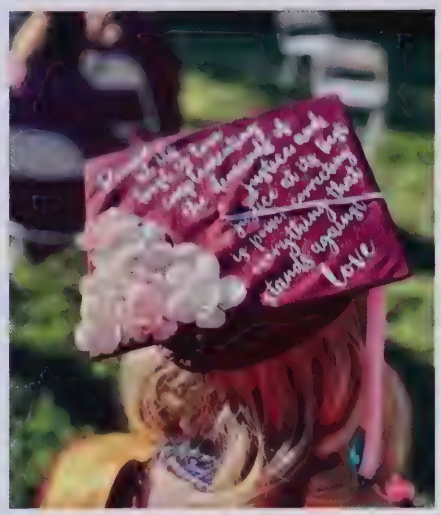

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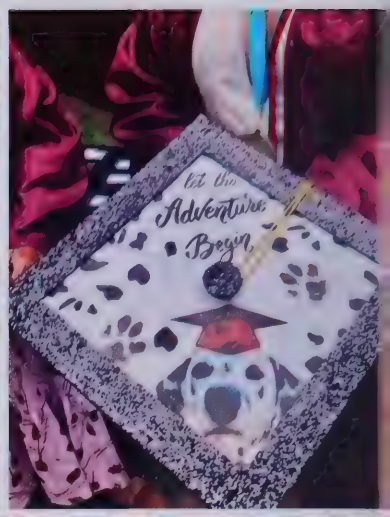
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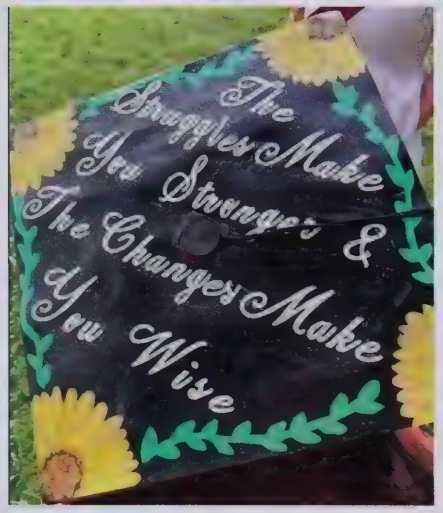
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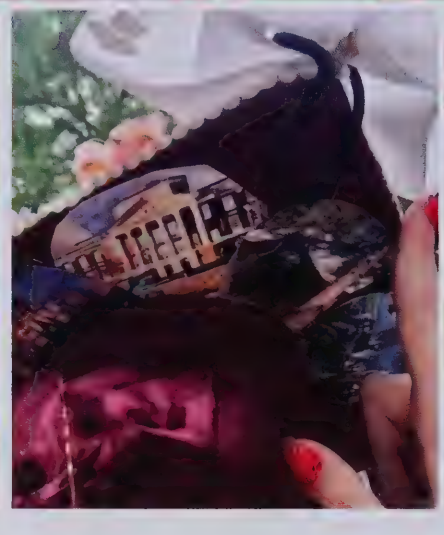

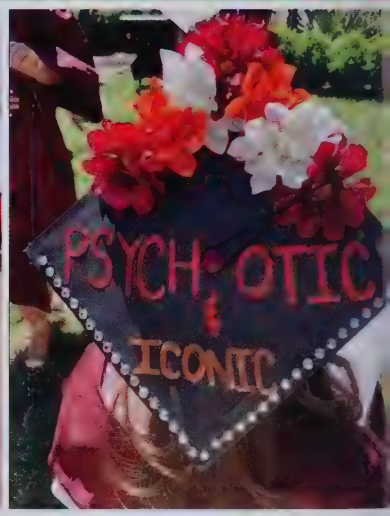
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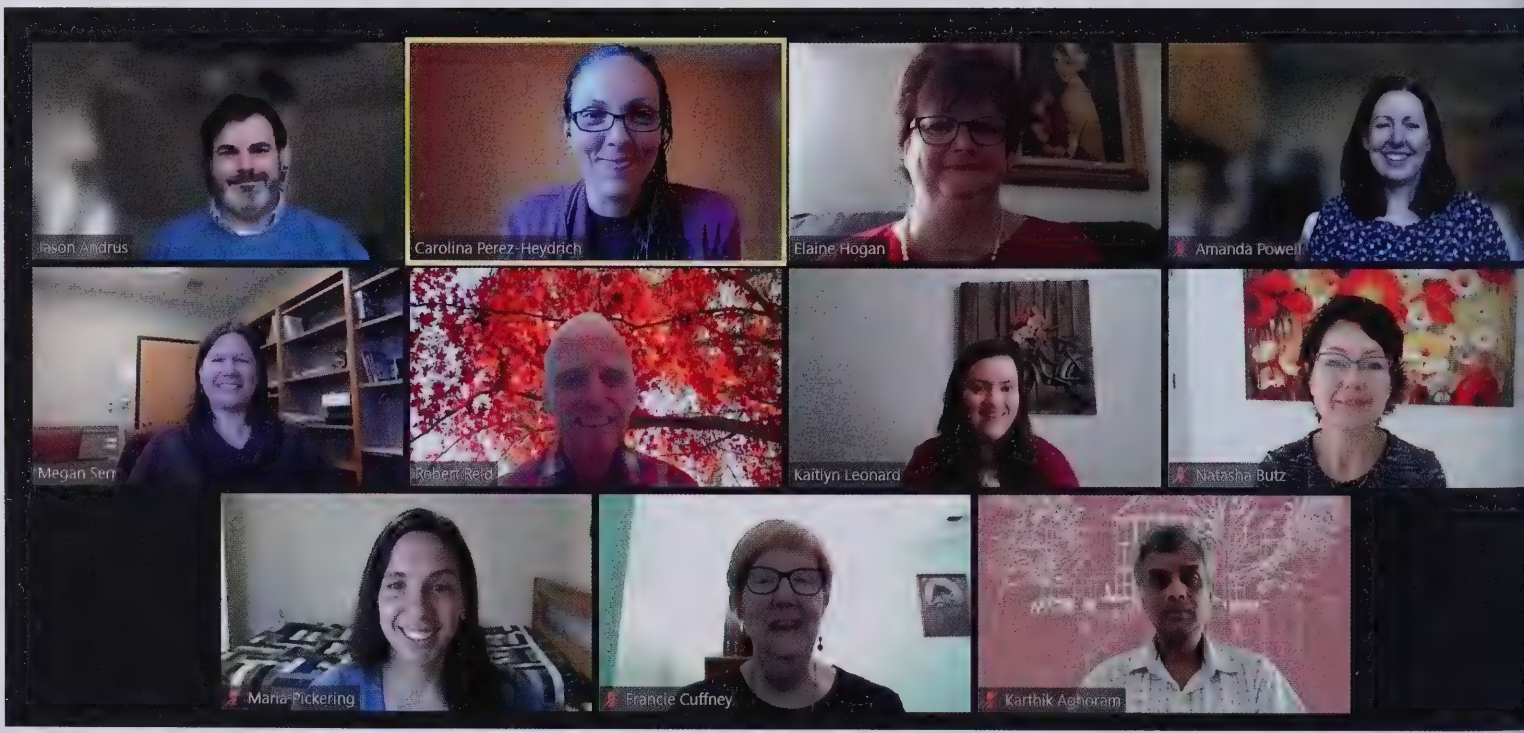

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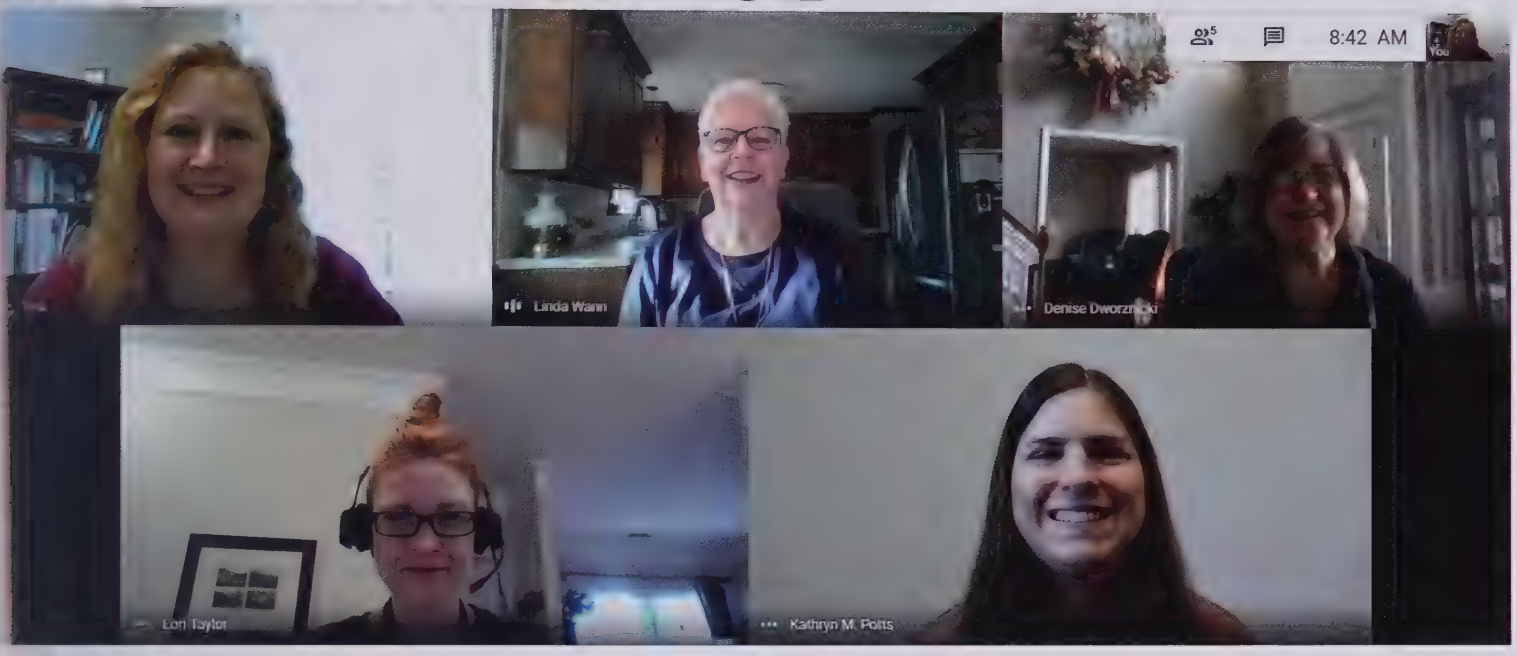

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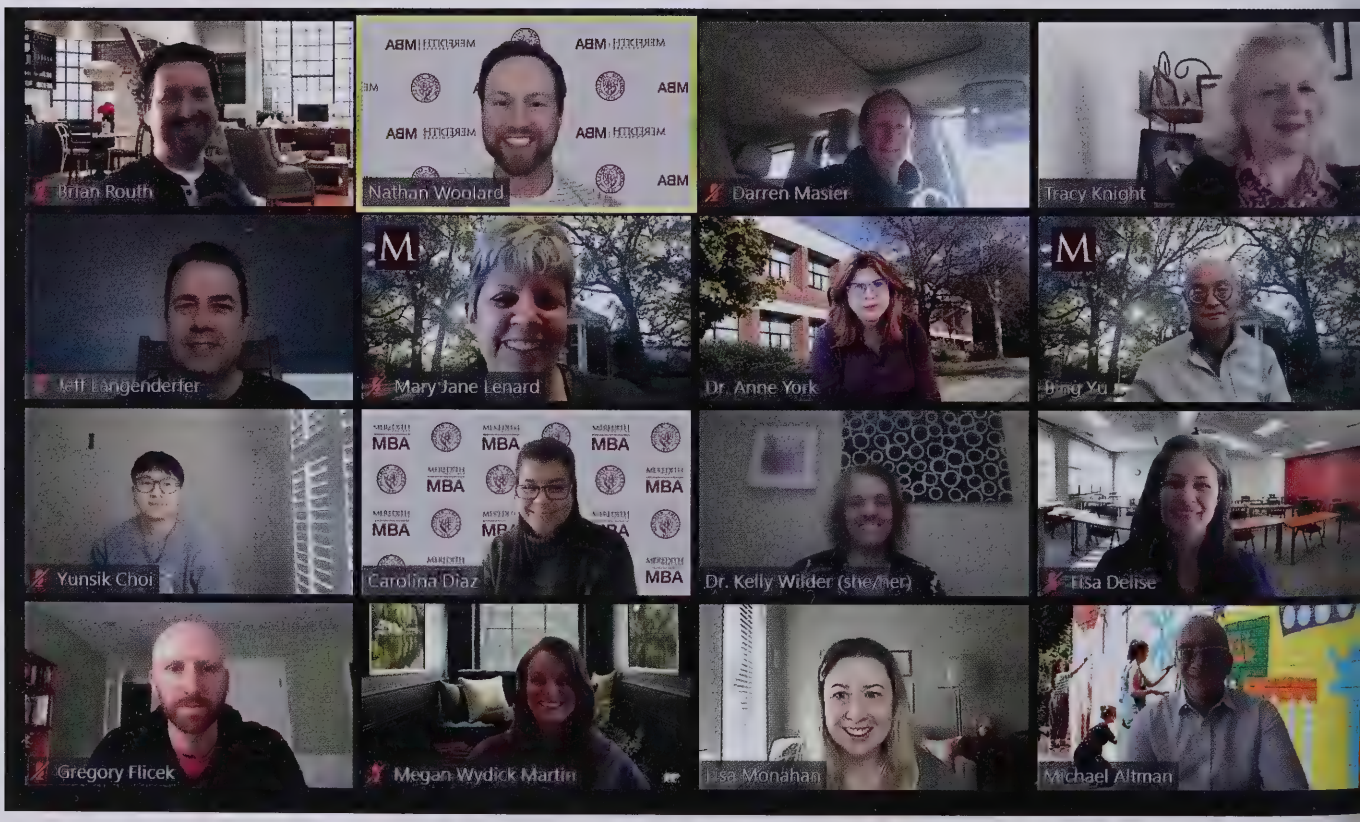

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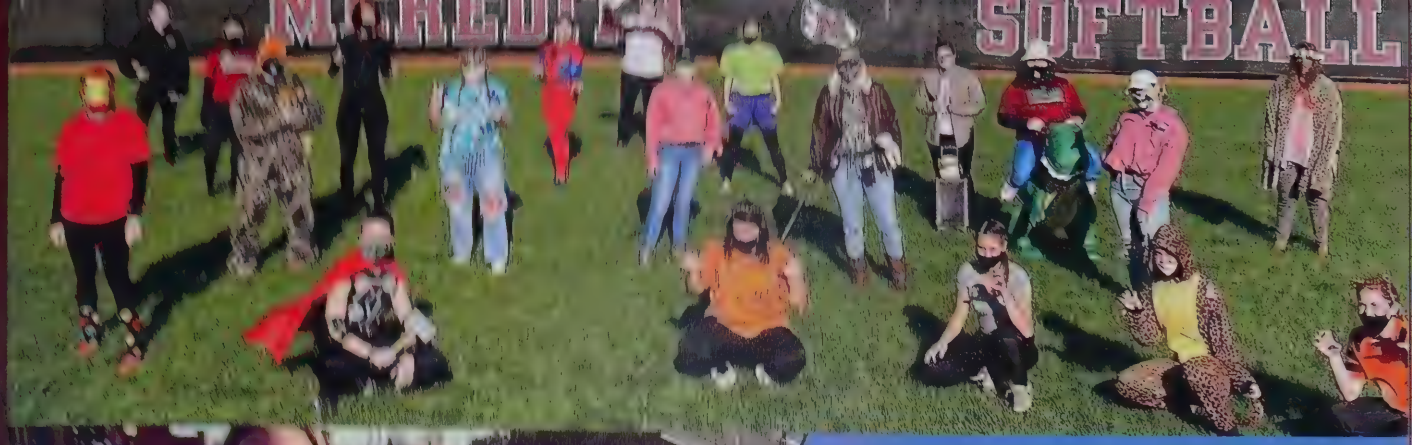
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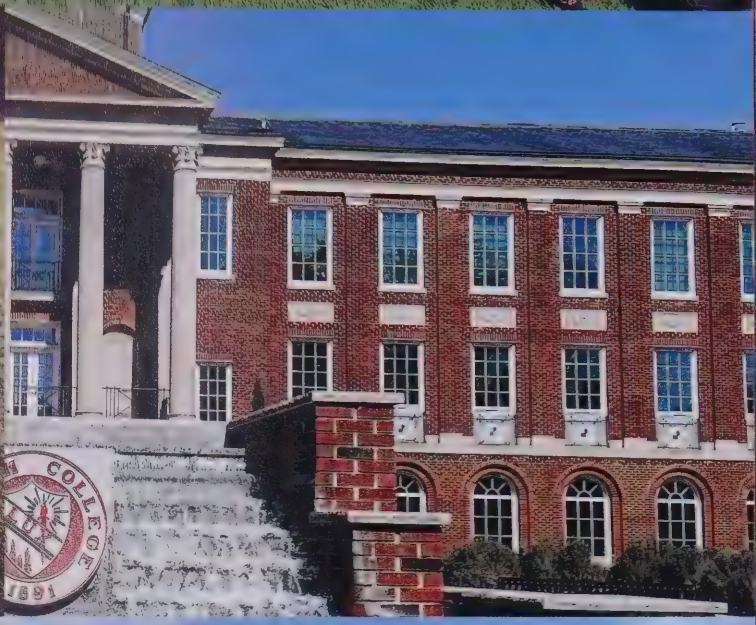

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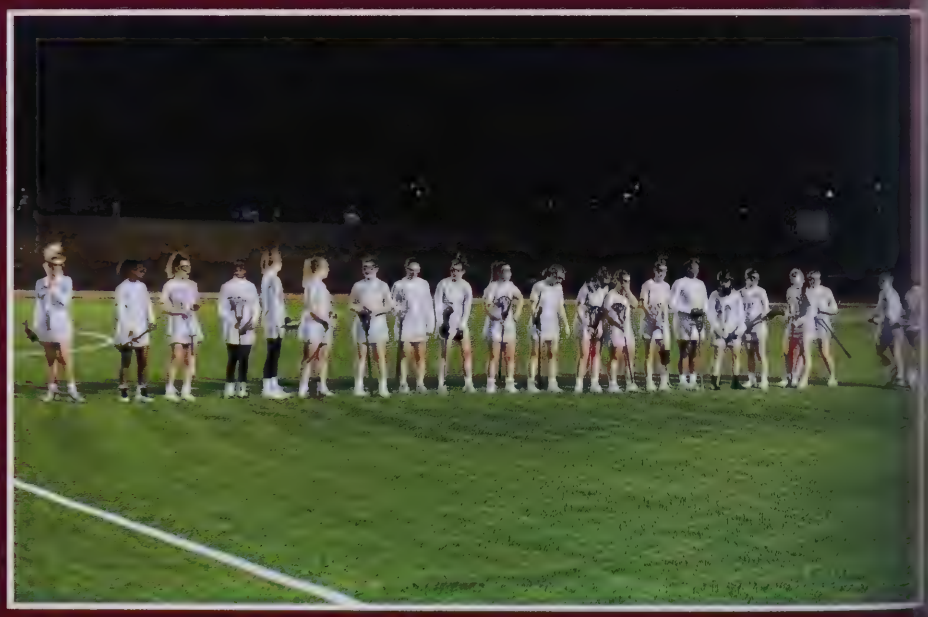

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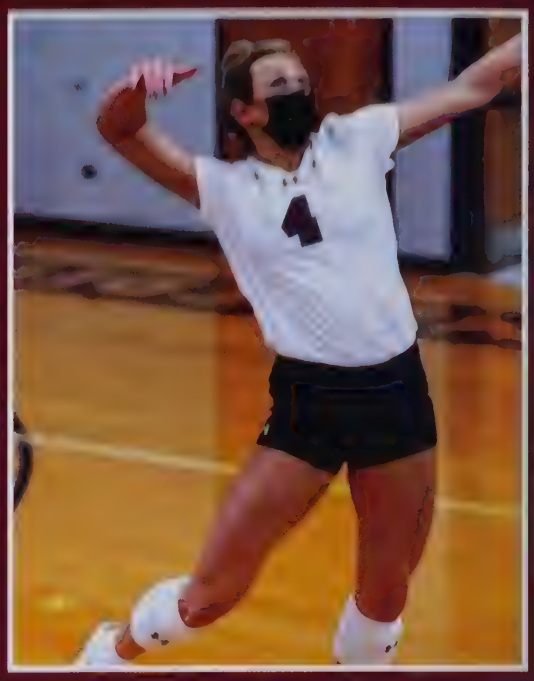

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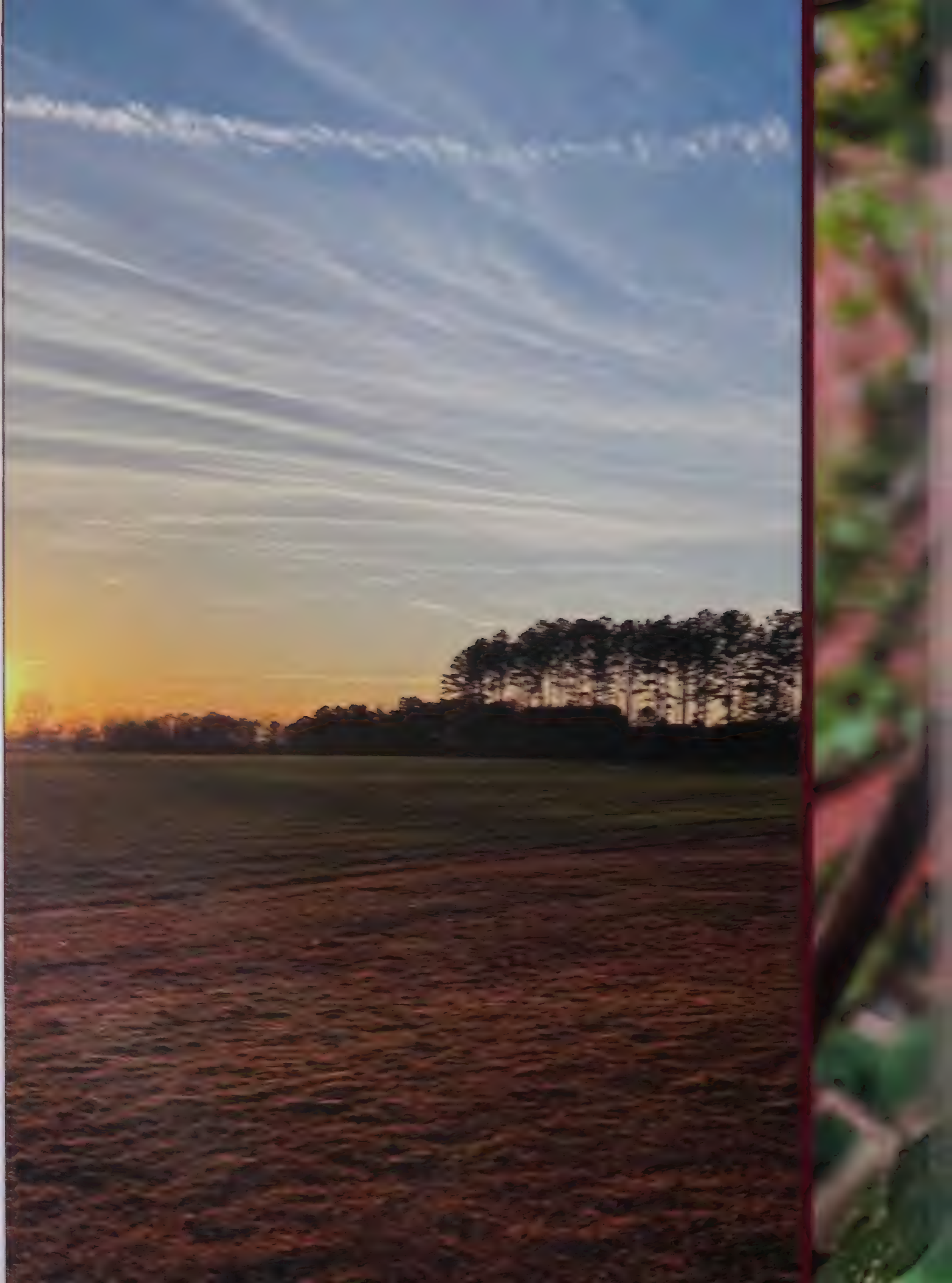

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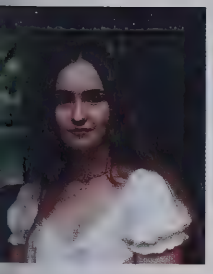

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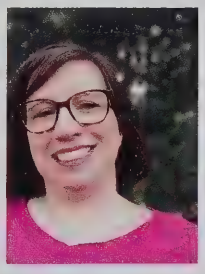

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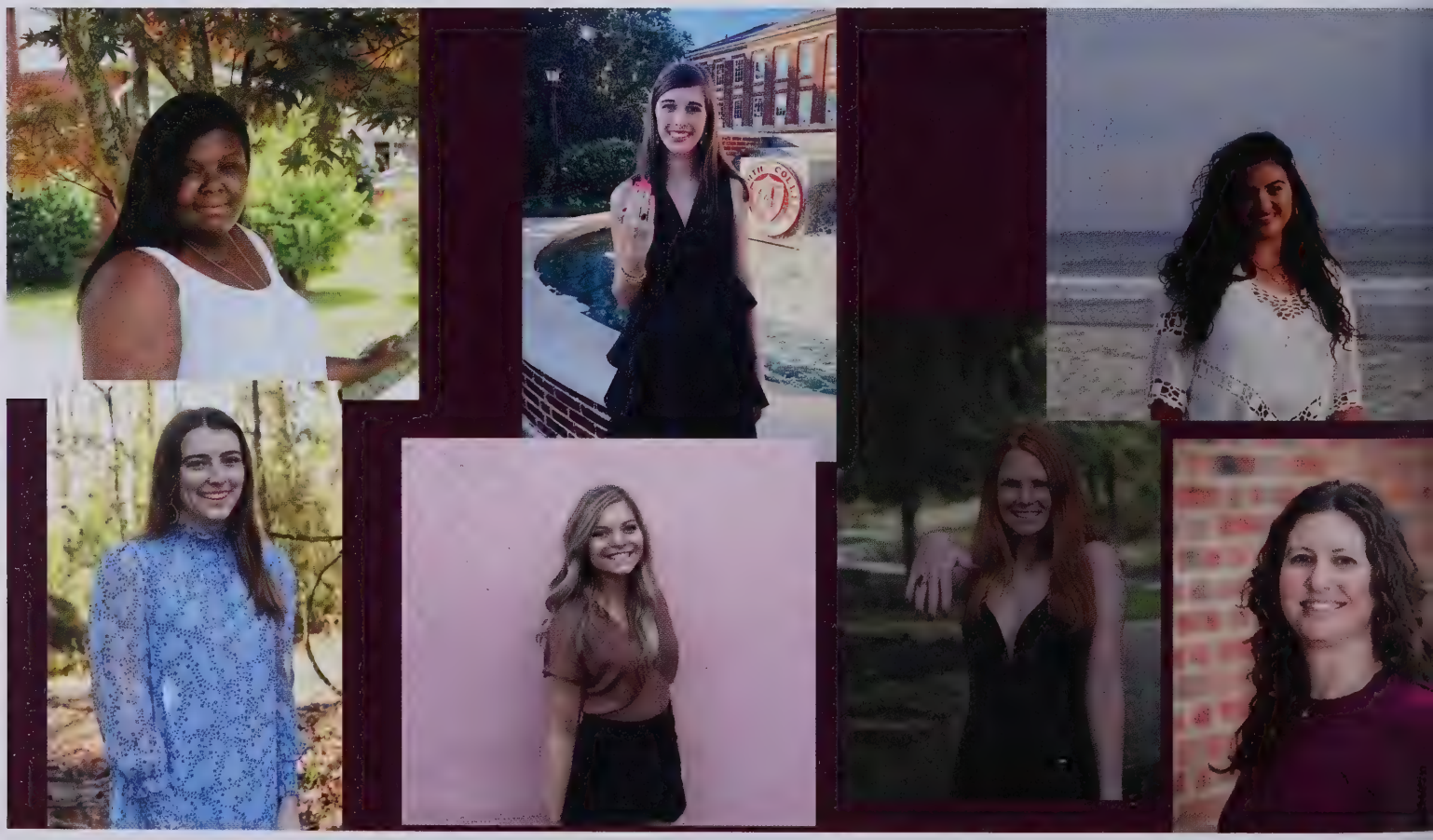

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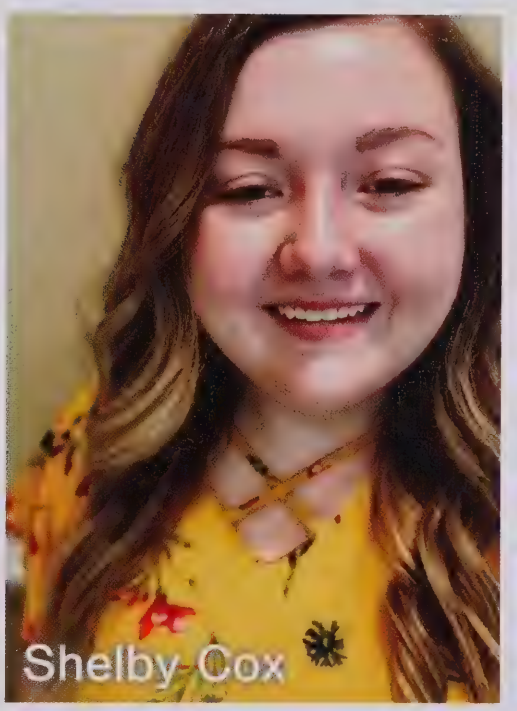
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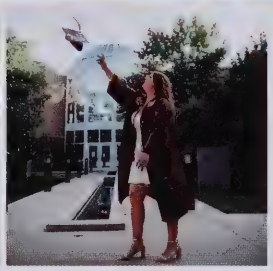


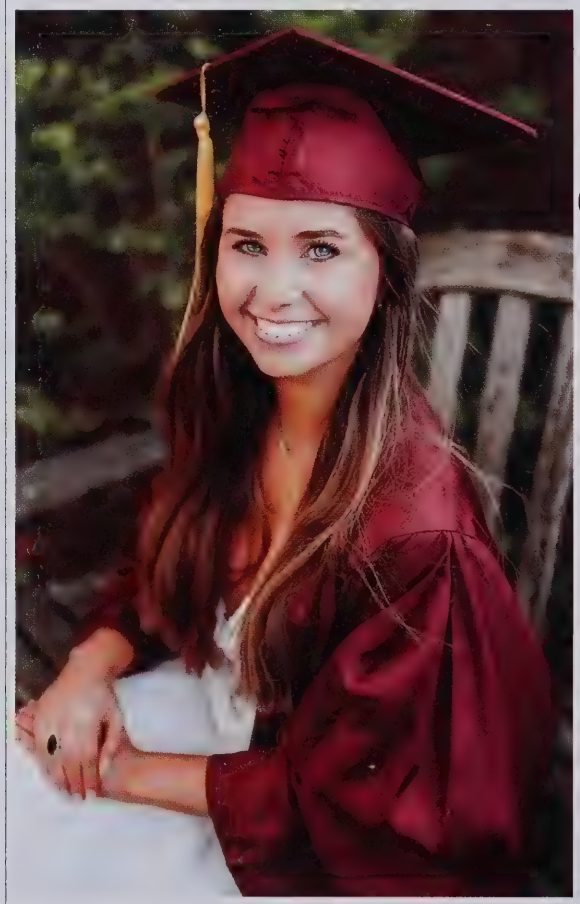
Lexie,

You were our Easter Sunday present and a gift from God to your mother and me. Since that time, God has been manifesting His gifts in you, year by year. With each trip that you have made around the sun, you've discovered more of your talents, desires, and deepened your passion for what God is ultimately calling you to perform in life. You have faced many challenges in your life and have risen to overcome them. Mission trips to the Dominican Republic and Guatemala in high school, followed by studies abroad with a semester in Italy and a summer session in Costa Rico gave you an international perspective. These experiences changed your focus from wanting to pursue medicine and instead focus on education. The capstone of your collegiate experience was to be selected as a Top-10 senior and graduate Cum Laude with your B.S. in Biology and a 9-12 grade teaching certification.

Mother and I are proud of you and look forward to seeing what God uses you to do in the future.

Much love from Mom, Dad,
Haley, Josiah, Joshua, and Tori!

Jancey Brink MacDonald



Congratulations Jance!
May God guide and bless you throughout your life. We are so proud of you!
Love,
Mom, Dad,
Judson & Colby

Jeremiah 29:11

Marissa Thomas

Congratulations Class of 2021!

We are so grateful to have been blessed with a daughter like you. You never fail to make us proud.

Love, Mom and Frankie

In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. Proverbs 3:6

I am truly honored to have had the opportunity to document the traditions and events both in person and virtually of the 2020-2021 school year. In my fourth and final year on staff and second as Editor-in-Chief, I have truly enjoyed my time on the Oak Leaves Staff and serving the Meredith Community.

The staff chose the theme "Unconventional" because we know how different and unique this year has been in not only the world but at Meredith College, having to live in a world that is controlled by the Covid-19 Global Pandemic! We also chose this theme because we know that this year is nothing like we thought it would be with continuing to have classes online and partially in person, and Meredith Traditions having to be completely online or spaced out into maximum numbered groups to keep the community safe.

Continuing into the Spring Semester, we saw just how strong and powerful the Meredith Community is because of the continued impact of the Coronavirus. The Meredith Community managed to stay together and figure out other ways to stay connected and accomplish the goal of finishing the 2020-21 academic school year by having in person events such as Cornhuskin', Class Day, and Commencement for both the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021. While we may not have been able to have all of the traditions, events, and classes that we were looking forward to in person, our amazing Meredith sisterhood still found a way to stick together and continue to go strong!

I would like to thank our Jostens representatives, Kim Trezona and Sarah Griffin, for their patience, tenacity, and dedication in not only our transition period, but also for their hard work and making sure that we had this year's edition of the Oak Leaves. To Professor Hogan, our advisor, thank you so much for all of your behind the scenes work, showing up to all the meetings, and making sure that the staff had everything we needed to make this yearbook happen. This being your first year as the publication's advisor, your passion and dedication to this edition of Oak Leaves has shone through during this unconventional time of Covid-19.

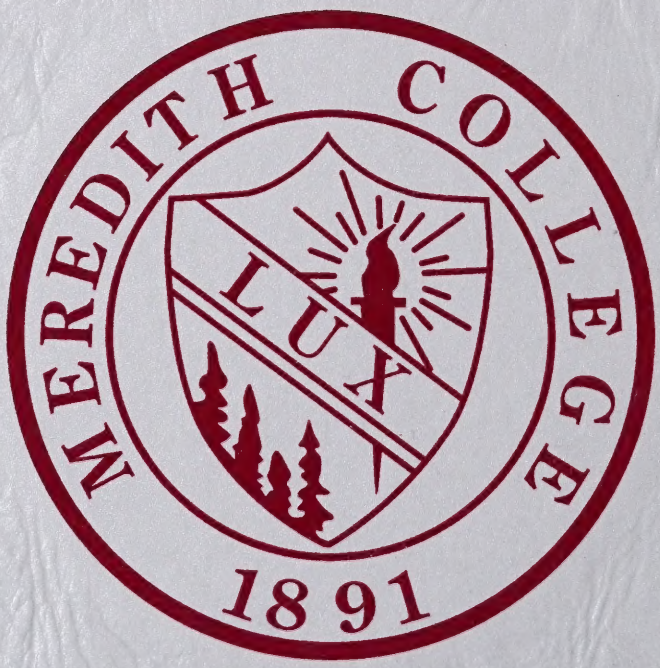
When you look through this book, I hope that it reminds you of the amazing memories that we made during this crazy and unique year at Meredith. I hope you embrace the time that we had on Meredith's campus this year and continue to be strong as we walk through this unconventional time. Remember we are strong and powerful!

I'm excited to see what Meredith has in store for its students in this upcoming year! I can't believe that it is time to welcome the new class of 2025, my grandlittles, to Wonderland. To the graduating Class of 2021, we finally did it! We graduated from Meredith College and we finished our last two years of college during a pandemic. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Meredith and it would not have been the same without our Odd class graduating during the unconventional time of Covid-19. But something we always need to remember is that Meredith will always be home sweet home to us, the Class of 2021!

Thoughtfully Yours,

Lexie Bennett

Editor-in-Chief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